Problems in rural schools

136. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rural schools are dogged by problems of teacher absenteeism, neglect of pupils from poor and disadvantaged sections and non-functioning of the inspection system;

(b) if so, the reasons identified by Government therefore;

(c) whether Government had sought any report from the States in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken by Government thereon; and

(f) the steps taken/to be taken by Government to improve the situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Most of the schools in the rural area come under the purview of State Governments and their conditions vary from state to state.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Vacancy of teachers in colleges

137. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of teachers lying vacant in colleges as on date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of teachers appointed in various States during the last three year's;

(d) whether the amount spent on higher education by Government has gone down while the enrolment has increased;